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FOR THE SECRETARY FROM LEWIS

CAIRO FOR AMBASSADOR EILTS AND ATHERTON

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PGOV, EG, US, IS

SUBJECT: BEGIN'S REVISED DRAFT FOR A DECLARATION

1. I SAW DAYAN THIS MORNING, DECEMBER 23, FOR LENGTHY
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DISCUSSION OF PROSPECTS FOR BEGIN-SADAT MEETING.
(DETAILS REPORTED IN SEPTTEL.) HE TOLD ME AT OUTSET
THAT BEGIN HAD SENT YOU LAST NIGHT VIA DINITZ HIS
REVISED DRAFT OF AN "EGYPTION-ISRAELI DECLARATION,"
WHICH HE WILL BE TAKING TO ISMAILIA TO DISCUSS WITH
SADAT. THIS REVISED TEXT, ACCORDING TO DAYAN, WAS
APPROVED IN YESTERDAY'S CABINET MEETING AND REPRESENTS

BEGIN'S EFFORT TO MEET SOME OF THE CRITICISM VOICED
BY PRESIDENT CARTER AND YOU ON HIS EARLIER DRAFT EFFORT.

2. DAYAN SAID DINITZ HAD REPORTED THAT YOU THOUGHT
THE REFERENCE TO "WITHDRAWALS" WOULD BE HELPFUL. HE
DID NOT SAY WHAT YOUR OTHER REACTIONS MAY HAVE BEEN.
IN LIGHT OF FACT THAT YOU HAD APPARENTLY HAD DIRECT
CONVERSATION WITH DINITZ ON THIS TEXT, I DID NOT MAKE
ANY EFFORT TO PROMOTE THE ALTERNATIVE VERSIONS
"B," AND "C," WHICH WE HAD DEVISED IN WASHINGTON
AND WHICH YOU HAD AUTHORIZED ME TO USE IN DISCUSSIONS HERE.

3. I CONFINED MY REMARKS TO DAYAN TO SAYING THAT I
COULD SEE SOME POSSIBILITIES IN THIS TEXT, BUT DOUBTED
THAT IT WOULD MEET SADAT'S REQUIREMENTS AND HOPED THAT
BEGIN WOULD BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS ALTERNATE
FORMULATIONS WITH SADAT DURING THEIR MEETING. I
SUGGESTED THEY THINK ABOUT ADDING TO THE END OF THE
FINAL SENTENCE AN ADDITIONAL CLAUSE WHICH WOULD MAKE
CLEAR THAT THE SELF-RULE ARRANGEMENT FOR JUDEA, SAMARIA,
AND THE GAZA DISTRICT WOULD BE TRANSITIONAL PENDING A
PERMANENT SOLUTION FOR THIS REGION. I SAID THAT I
THOUGHT THIS WAS CONSISTENT WITH THE FIVE-YEAR REVIEW
PROVISION CONTAINED IN THE ISRAELI WORKING PAPER, AND
MIGHT CONCEIVABLY HELP TO MAKE THE DRAFT MORE ACCEPTABLE
TO SADAT AND ATTRACTIVE TO HUSSEIN. DAYAN SAID HE
TOOK THE POINT AND THEY MIGHT INDEED BE PREPARED TO
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MAKE SUCH AN ADDITION IF SADAT REQUESTED IT.

4. IF YOU WISH ME TO DO ANYTHING FURTHER WITH DAYAN
OR BEBIN ABOUT THIS TEXT BEFORE SUNDAY, PLEASE GIVE
ME IMMEDIATE INSTRUCTIONS. MY OWN FEELING IS THAT
WE WOULD BE BETTER OFF NOW TO LEAVE THE ISSUE TO
SADAT AND BEING TO TRY TO THRASH OUT DIRECTLY AT
THEIR MEETING.

5. TEXT OF BEGIN'S DRAFT AS APPROVED BY THE CABINET
FOLLOWS: BEGIN TEXT: FOLLOWING THE HISTORIC EVENTS
IN THE M.E.--THE VISIT OF PRESIDENT SADAT TO JERUSALEM
AND THE RECEPTION ACCORDED TO HIM BY THE PEOPLE, THE
PARLIAMENT AND THE GOVERNMENT OF ISRAEL--THE GOVERN-
MENTS OF EGYPT AND OF ISRAEL ARE DETERMINED TO
CONTINUE THEIR EFFORTS TO REACH A COMPREHENSIVE PEACE
SETTLEMENT IN THE REGION. AS PART OF SUCH A SETTLEMENT,
THEY WILL NEGOTIATE PEACE TREATIES ON THE BASIS OF THE
PRINCIPLES ENVISAGED IN SECURITY COUNCIL 242 AND 338.
WITHDRAWALS OF ISRAELI ARMED FORCES FROM TERRITORIES
OCCUPIED IN THE CONFLICT OF JUNE 1967, DETERMINATION
OF SECURE AND RECOGNIZED BOUNDARIES WITHIN WHICH ALL

NATIONS IN THE M.E. WILL LIVE IN PEACE FREE FROM THREATS
AND ACTS OF FORCE. THE PALESTINIAN ARABS,
RESIDENTS OF JUDEA, SAMARIA, AND THE GAZA DISTRICT
WILL ENJOY SELF-RULE. END TEXT
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